

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method and apparatus for cleaning pipe-shaped filter elements arranged in a housing including a separation wall dividing the housing into a clean gas space and a raw gas space into which the filter elements extend from the clean gas space  
5 through the separation wall and the raw gas is directed from the raw gas space through the filter elements into the clean gas space while dust is removed from the raw gas and collected on the filter elements, the filter elements are cleaned from time to time by supplying momentarily pressurized flushing gas  
10 to the clean air space which, at the same time, is closed to generate a flushing gas pulse providing for a backflow of clean gas from the clean gas space to the raw gas space, which dislodges dust collected on the filter elements.

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